

Committee Report

Transportation Committee



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For the Metropolitan Council: January 22, 2025

Business Item: 2025-7

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Summary of Transportation Committee Discussion/Questions

Metro Transit Business Systems Manager Shaun Morrell presented this item. There were no questions or comments from Council members.

It was moved by Carter, Toni, seconded by Pacheco. Motion carried, consent to Council.



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District(s), Member(s):	All Districts
Policy/Legal Reference:	FM 14-2 Expenditures for Procurement of Goods, Services, and Real Estate Policy
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Lesley Kandaras, General Manager, 612-349-7513 Adam Harrington, Director Service Development, 612-349-7797 Shaun Morrell, Manager, System Support, 612-349-7706
Division/Department:	Metro Transit / Service Development

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Background

In 2019, the Council executed 19M025, a 2-year SAAS (software as a service) contract with Remix. The agreement included two products: 1) **Transit**, a map-based bus route planner and 2) **Streets**, a map-based street design platform for creating and enhancing road features and facilities.

The use of these services grew significantly and in 2021 a two-year renewal for the same products was approved with a new Contract 21M006. The same vendor began operating under the name Remix Technologies LLC after being purchased by Via Transportation.

Metro Transit's internal Remix user base continued to expand and in 2023 a second contract renewal was executed as a new Contract 23M006 with an expiration date of 3/31/2025. This contract was later amended to add a third feature to the Remix portfolio. This product, called **On-Demand Planning (OdP)**, is helping the agency grow its micro transit services.

Procurement and Service Development are currently advancing a Request for Proposal (RFP) to procure similar transit planning tools through an open and competitive process. Proposals were due on 12/30/2024. Given the time constraints and RFP schedule, we need to extend the current contract to ensure continuity of service until the next contract is awarded. Therefore, we are requesting authorization for a three-month extension with Remix, through 6/30/2025.

Without an amendment, delays in work could be expected for bus network analysis for Network Now, transit advantage planning, and micro transit service planning.

Rationale

The execution of professional service contracts exceeding \$500,000 requires Council approval. The current contract value of \$473,250, as amended through the first CAA, plus the \$65,625 proposed in this second CAA, will total \$538,875.

Thrive Lens Analysis

Stewardship: Investment in transit planning tools provides us an opportunity to reinvest and grow the capacity of our communities, with more inclusive development and intentional investment.

Equity: Transit planning tools help the agency create connections with the Metro Transit network which will bring more people to jobs and bring more jobs to communities. This enriches communities across the region and helps balance opportunities.

Livability: Transit planning tools help create a network which allows users quicker and safer access to jobs, services, amenities and entertainment

Prosperity: Transit planning tools reflect a strategic investment in regional infrastructure which promotes economic competitiveness and creates prosperity for the region.

Sustainability: Transit planning tools will lead to a better transit system. A robust transportation system with more choices and mobility will transport more people efficiently with fewer external costs (wear-and-tear, pollution, accidents) to the region.

Funding

Funding for this amendment is available through local sources provided under Metro Transit's operating budget.

Small Business Inclusion

No small business goal was established on the initial CIM. There are no impacts with the proposed action. When the new RFP is ready to route, the Office of Equity and Equal Opportunity will review small business opportunities at that time.

